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AT ITS
ANNUAL MEETINGS,
FEBRUARY, 1849-50,

TOGETHER WITH THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COUNSELLORS,
AND THE ANNIVERSARY ORATION, BY DR. J. P. BARRATT.

WITH THE CONSTITUTION, AS REVISED.

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Wednesday, 21st Feb., 1849.

THE Association convened at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the Hall of the Apprentices' Library Society. The attendance, both from the Country and City, was large; and it was gratifying to see so much zeal manifested in carrying out the objects contemplated by the formation of the Association.

On taking the chair, the President, Dr. Moultrie, delivered a brief but eloquent address, in which he dwelt upon the necessity for reform, the characteristic of the age; showed that this can only be effected by combination, by organization; and concluded by encouraging the members to be unwavering in the cause they had espoused.

The transactions of the Board of Counsellors for the past year was then read.

The election of Counsellors being next in order, Dr. Horlbeck moved the following resolution, which on being seconded, was adopted:—

Resolved, That, as the requisite number of District Societies has not been formed by the fellows of the Association, the same rule for the appointment of Counsellors prevail for the next year, which was adopted at the last meeting.

Reports of Committees being called for, Dr. DeSaussure, chairman of the Committee, appointed to ascertain the number of diplomated, licensed, and unauthorised practitioners in the State, made a report.

Dr. Muller moved the following:—

Resolved, That the report of Dr. DeSaussure be accepted and adopted.

To which, Dr. Jervey offered as a substitute, that the same Committee continue to act until the returns from the whole State be completed,

and that the President appoint, at his leisure, members from Districts not represented last year.

The resolution of Dr. Muller having been withdrawn, Dr. Jervcy's was then put to the vote and carried.

Dr. Gaillard moved the adoption of the following amendments and alterations of the Constitution :—

1st.—ART. IV.—Section 1.—*Monday*, before 1st *Wednesday*—instead of 3d *Wednesday*—of February as the Anniversary.

2d.—ART. V.—Sec. 3.—Insert after initial "*the Officers and—*"

3d.—ART. VI.—Officers.—Strike out the whole paragraph and insert, "At the Anniversary Meeting of the Association a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding, do., a Treasurer and a Librarian, shall be chosen by ballot of the Association from among the fellows, and they shall be ex-officio members of the board of Counsellors."

4th.—ART. VIII.—Sec. 5.—Strike out after "chose by ballot" in second line—to "from among"—in the next to the last line of the paragraph.

5th.—ART. VIII.—Sec. 6.—After Committee on Publication, strike out "and a Committee on Resignations," and insert "and a Committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State."

6th.—ART. VIII.—Sec. 7.—Strike out the second paragraph and insert—"The Committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State shall consist of one member from each District besides a Chairman, who shall also be appointed by the Counsellors ; the committee shall report annually on the diseases of the previous year ; each member forwarding to the Chairman a report on the Topography and diseases of his own District, previous to the 1st December preceding the anniversary ; the Chairman from these special reports to make a general report, to be read at the Anniversary Meeting ; the special reports to be included in an appendix to the general report."

7th. ART. X. To be stricken out, and the following inserted : "Any member may resign from the Association, provided his arrears be paid."

8th. ART. XI. "Resigning by permission of Counsellors," to be stricken out.

9th. ART. XVII. Strike out "Association," and insert "Society."

In accordance with the provision of the By-Laws, the proposed amendments and alterations were submitted to the Board of Counsellors who retired for a short time to consider the same, and on returning made the following report :

The 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th amendments rejected.

The 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th, were adopted by the Board.

The report of the Counsellors being before the Association for consideration, on motion of Dr. Jervey, it was adopted.

At this stage of the proceedings, the President appointed Dr. J. A. Mayes, of Sumter, Assistant Secretary.

Dr. T. Y. Simons read the subjoined communication and queries, addressed to him by Gov. W. B. Seabrook, with the request that he would bring the subject matter of both to the notice of the Association.

EDISTO ISLAND, February 2d, 1849.

Dear Sir : While recently engaged in penning an Essay on the Agricultural Resources of South-Carolina, it occurred to me that I might be essentially aided, in an important view I proposed to take of the subject, by the Medical profession. If I did not then execute this idea, it was for reasons with which I need not trouble you.

It is notorious that our State is considered abroad one of, if not, the most fatal to health in the Union. If this be true, it would be disingenuous to conceal it ; but if false, our true interests demand that the matter should be seriously examined, and the truth publicly avowed. Of our lands, including the swamps susceptible of reclamation, a large proportion of which rivals in fertility the richest soils of the west ; not one eighth part has ever been touched with an agricultural implement. In locations, comprehending probably one-third of our domain, the danger from fever, it is certain, is a prominent cause of this apparent want of enterprise. In relation to the remainder, no portion of the United States exceeds it in pure and wholesome water, and the salubrity of the atmosphere.

The assumed hostile character of the climate, there is no doubt, has prevented many citizens of other sections of the confederacy from settling in our limits, as agriculturists, manufacturers and mechanics. The richness of our staple commodities ; the adaptation of the soil to other valuable products ; the vast abundance of water power, and the number of eligible sites for miles—warrant the belief that, if it could be promulgated on the authority of your Association, that a great, and to us unfortunate, error prevails on the subject to which I have invited your notice—the population of South-Carolina might be increased by emigration from our own country ; certainly from Europe. In furtherance of this design, as well as to effect other purposes, I respectfully ask, through you, the attention of the Medical Association, to the enclosed queries. Should the answers of that body be of a satisfactory character, I will propose the establishment of an agency in Charleston to protect the European stranger

on his arrival, and to locate him where he might advantageously pursue the avocation to which he is accustomed. In the successful prosecution of this scheme, the possession of an accurate acquaintance with the agricultural and physical capabilities of the State will be indispensable. To accomplish a result so important in many respects, I shall be prepared to give my best efforts, privately and officially.

You will perceive at a glance, sir, that without the assistance of the physician, the combined efforts of the other classes in society, even if energetically and perseveringly directed, would be comparatively fruitless. In the proposed work, all professions can harmoniously labor together, and this is one of its highest recommendations.

Allow me in conclusion to communicate the following statistical information. From the late Jos. J. Murray's Register, it appears that from March 12th, 1792, to January 1st, 1818, 25 years, 9 months and 19 days, there were 350 births, 279 deaths, and 103 marriages on Edisto Island. The average number of its inhabitants during that period was about 320. From January 1st, 1818, to January 1st, 1837—20 years—there were, as ascertained by myself, 273 births, 165 deaths and 59 marriages, in a population of about 370 persons. Since then, the proportion of deaths to births has greatly diminished; in other words, this Island, and I may add the Islands of the sea-coast of South-Carolina, once pestilential regions, have become comparatively exempt from miasmatic diseases.

The remarkable unhealthfulness of Edisto in summer, compelled its citizens to seek a sea-shore residence. The first settlements at Edingsville were made, I think, about 1795.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WHITEMARSH B. SEABROOK.

QUERIES.

1st. If it be true, that the lower country of South-Carolina is gradually becoming healthier, and the middle country sicklier, to what causes is ascribable this progressive change?

2d. Are not the diseases of our climate materially different from what they were ten or fifteen years ago? If so, how may the fact be accounted for?

3d. Are cases of "country fever," now common? If not, why? In what respects does it differ from bilious fever? Is it a manageable disease?

4th. Is the proportion of deaths, arising from fever, the endemic of

the State, greater than that from consumption, the endemic of New-York or Massachusetts?

5th. Of all the diseases of our climate, which is the most common? The most fatal?

6th. Which are the sickliest districts of the State? Are not the means of melioration entirely feasible? If so, state them. Name also the healthy regions, where the stranger in summer might reside as safely as the native.

7th. What is the difference between pneumonia and typhoid pneumonia? What the origin of the latter disease? The remedy? Are the blacks more liable to it than the whites? If so, why?

8th. What are the best means of preserving the health of plantations?

9th. Are intermittent fevers less frequent, and remittent fevers more frequent, than formerly? If so, why?

10th. Are many of the colored population afflicted with insanity? Many who are deaf, dumb, or blind?

11th. What proportion of deaths among the whites is fairly attributable to the improper use of ardent spirits?

The report of the committee on the Indigenous Medical Botany being called for, Dr. F. P. Porcher, Chairman, presented an extended report, embracing a notice of the medical and economical properties of a large number of species, together with all the more important bibliographical references. The preamble to this was read. Dr. Porcher acknowledged the receipt of several reports and communications from members of the committee; but one of these, however, that of Dr. Mayes, of Sumter, was received before the meeting of the Association. Dr. Mayes also furnished a list of about 300 species found in the district referred to. Dr. Geo. Pearson, of Fairfield, handed in, together with a collection of dried specimens, a full and carefully prepared account of the medicinal plants of that district, comprising more than 100 pages of manuscript, which evinced much labor and careful inquiry. A valuable and neatly drawn up manuscript, accompanied also with plants, in the dried state, was received from Dr. J. P. Barratt, containing references to, and a history of, a large number of the medicinal species found in Abbeville District. From Dr. T. A. Elliott, of Orangeburg, also, a catalogue was received, as well as contributions from Dr. Douglass, of Chester, and Dr. Branch, of Abbeville, all of which will be noticed in due time.

On motion of Dr. Douglass, of Chester, it was

Resolved, That the committee on the Indigenous Medical Botany continue to act until the Botany of the State be made out, and that the

President appoint, at his leisure, gentlemen from districts not represented last year; also that the members be requested to hand in their reports by the 1st of November, in order to allow time to the Chairman to make his report.

The hour of 1 having arrived, on motion of Dr. Wragg, all business was suspended, when Dr. Gaillard, the Anniversary Orator, delivered an able and eloquent discourse on Hygiene.

The following preamble and resolutions, introduced by Dr. T. Y. Simons, were, on being seconded and put to the vote, adopted:

"Whereas, we highly appreciate the interest which his Excellency, Governor Seabrook, manifests for ascertaining the condition of the several portions of our State, as regards health, and as a committee on Medical Topography, consisting of one member of the Association, in each district of the State, has been appointed, with a Chairman, to investigate the various diseases which prevail in different sections of the State, the causes and localities,

Resolved, That the letter and enquiries of Governor Seabrook be submitted to the committee on Medical Topography, with a request that they make, as far as practicable, a full report of the various diseases which prevail, the means likely to lessen them, and the nature and character of the healthy localities in the several districts, at the next annual meeting.

Resolved, That to more effectually further the views of this Association and to obtain, as far as practicable, the vital statistics of the State, the officers, in behalf of the Association, do again memorialize the Legislature of the State to establish a uniform registration of births, marriages and deaths, as recommended by the American and South-Carolina Medical Associations, and a committee of five members be appointed to attend at the next session of the Legislature to make such explanations, and further the memorial of the Association; and that each member of this body will be expected to use his exertions with the Senators and Representatives in his parish or district, for the accomplishment of this important measure.

The following fellows were reported as elected by the representatives from the several districts, Counsellors for the ensuing year:

<i>Abbeville,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Drs. J. P. Barratt.
<i>Barnwell,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A. Coffin.
<i>Beaufort,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	H. W. Fuller.
<i>Charleston,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. Moultrie, E. Horlbeck, T. Y. Simons, J. P. Jervey, S. W. Barker, R. Leiby, J. C. McKewn, E. Geddings, W. T. Wragg, D. J. Cain, F. Y. Porcher, H. Ravenel, T. Curtis, W. G. Ramsay, J. Bellinger.
<i>Chesterfield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A. W. Williams,
<i>Chester,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. Douglas.
<i>Colleton,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	S. H. Hamilton.

<i>Edgefield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Drs. J. C. Ready, A. W. Youngblood.
<i>Fairfield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	T. T. Robertson.
<i>Georgetown,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	H. L. Byrd.
<i>Kershaw,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	W. J. McKain, R. B. Johnson.
<i>Lancaster,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	R. E. Wylie.
<i>Lexington,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Thos. H. Simmons.
<i>Newberry,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. W. McCants.
<i>Orangeburg,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	D. Geiger, T. A. Elliott, T. J. Goodwyn.
<i>Richland,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	S. Fair.
<i>Sumter,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. A. Mayes.
<i>Union,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	W. K. Sims.
<i>York,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	S. E. Bratton.

A discussion having arisen relative to the right of Districts not represented to have Counsellors, Dr. Mackey moved to suspend the rules in order to introduce a resolution.

The question, being on the suspension of the rules, was decided in the affirmative.

Dr. Mackey then offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the nominations of Counsellors made be confirmed, and that in the Districts where no nominations have been made, the Counsellors elected for last year be continued for the ensuing.

Dr. J. Davis moved the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, Congress having passed a law for the suppression of the importation of impure and inert Drugs, has vested in the Treasury Department the power and duty of appointing an Inspector of Drugs for each port: And, whereas, an Inspector has been appointed for the Port of Charleston, whose acquaintance with the science of Medicine seems not to be sufficient to guarantee the faithful enforcement of said law: Therefore be it

Resolved, By the South-Carolina Medical Association, that the Treasury Department be informed of this matter and urged to change the appointment, so as to insure the faithful discharge of the duty enjoined by the law; and further be it

Resolved, That the officers of this Association be charged with the duty of conferring with the Treasury Department on the subject, at the earliest convenience.

The above preamble and resolutions were sustained by Dr. Cohen in a few forcible remarks, in the course of which he stated, that in consequence of the detection of spurious drugs at the ports of the North, several large importing houses in those cities, learning that a person had been appointed Inspector for Charleston who was totally incompetent to discharge the duties of his office, had written to their correspondents in Europe to send their drugs through Charleston.

Dr. Mackey moved an amendment to Dr. Davis' last resolution, viz.

that the subject be brought both before Congress and the Treasury Department; which amendment being accepted by Dr. Davis, the preamble and resolutions, so amended, were put to the vote, and adopted.

Dr. J. Branch, Vice-President, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which, on being seconded and put to the vote, were carried:

Whereas, in accordance with the joint recommendation of the New-York College of Pharmacy, the American Medical Association, and the South Carolina Medical Association, Congress has, with a promptitude worthy of the wisdom of that body, passed a law for the suppression of the importation of spurious, adulterated and inert Drugs: And, whereas, the most alarming developments have been exposed by an investigation made by Dr. Edwards, who was appointed by the Treasury Department to enquire into the operation of that law of Congress, and who, after spending five weeks in the cities of Boston, New-York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, actually ascertained that since the first of July last, and from that time to the first of January, 13,019 lbs. of Rhubarb, 344 of Opium, 7,215 Jalap, 1,414 Gamboge, 1,400 Senna, 30,695 Peruvian Bark, 3,063 oz. Iodine, 1,704 lbs. Gum Myrrh have been condemned: And, whereas, we have no doubt but if such an Act were made to include *nostrums* of every description, results a hundred times more alarming would be brought to light: And, whereas, we are satisfied, that in order to perfect this system, it is indispensably necessary to bring State, as well as United States, action to bear upon the business: Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the South-Carolina Medical Association, that a committee consisting of the Charleston Delegation, (of which Prof. Moultrie shall be Chairman,) be appointed to memorialize the Legislature on the subject.

Resolved, That this committee be instructed to urge on the Legislature the great necessity of having a suitable Inspector appointed for the City of Charleston.

Resolved, That this committee be also instructed to place the business of *Nostrum vending* in a very prominent light before the Legislature.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the report of Dr. Edwards be published for circulation in the State, and that the Secretary be instructed to supply each member of the Legislature with a copy.

On motion of Dr. Mackey, the Association then adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 22.

The Association met at 10 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The following preamble and resolution were introduced by Dr. Branch:

Whereas, the Medical profession of the City of Charleston have recently, in their patriotic and benevolent efforts to do good, instituted a Benevolent Society for the relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Physicians: And, whereas, we are informed that this institution is intended to embrace in its sphere of action the whole State:— Therefore,

Resolved, That the Initiation Fee, as well as the Annual Contributions, to this Association, after all necessary expenses are defrayed, be appropriated to the fund for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Medical profession.

Dr. Wylie, in some very forcible remarks, opposed the resolution.

Dr. Gaillard made some remarks concerning the objects of the Medical Benevolent Medical Society, and concluded by opposing the transfer of the funds contemplated by the resolution.

Dr. Branch begged leave to withdraw his preamble and resolution, as the object he had in view in offering them had been effected. He had only intended to bring to the notice of the Association the existence of such a Society.

Dr. Morrow spoke in favor of having the report of Dr. Barratt, on the Botany of Abbeville District, published.

Dr. Barratt stated that the report was too incomplete to go in its present shape before the public; he wished it to undergo supervision by the Chairman of the committee.

Dr. F. P. Porcher was willing to wait for further and more complete reports to be made before he should proceed to incorporate them in the general report.

Dr. Branch considered the question as one of great importance, and thought that a committee of gentlemen who are conversant with Botany should revise them.

On motion of Dr. Muller,

Resolved, That the thanks of the South-Carolina Medical Association are due to the President and Directors of the South-Carolina Rail Road Company, for the courtesy extended to its members; and that the Secretary transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the Company.

On motion of Dr. Mackey, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Dr. P. C. Gaillard, for the able and eloquent address delivered by him yesterday.

Dr. Williams offered the following, which was adopted :—

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be returned to the Board

of Trustees of the Apprentices' Library Society, for the liberal grant of their Hall for the meeting of the Association.

On motion of Dr. R. E. Wylie,

Resolved, That the constitution of the Benevolent Society for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Medical men in the State of South Carolina, be read.

The Constitution of that Society was then read by Dr. Jervy.

On motion, the Association adjourned.

D. J. C. CAIN,
Rec. Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SECOND ANNUAL MEETING,
FEBRUARY 20TH, 1850.

Wednesday, February 20th, 1850.

THE Association met at 10 o'clock, A. M. at Temperance Hall.

Dr. Moultrie, the *President*, on taking the chair, delivered the following address :

Gentlemen of the Association :—

In accordance with the requisitions of the Association, it becomes my duty, and I take great pleasure in its performance, of announcing to you that the hour has arrived, for declaring it to be constituted.

I cannot, however, suffer the Secretary to proceed to the reading of the minutes of the last Anniversary meeting, together with the intercurrent transactions of the Board of Counsellors, without tendering you, in the first place, my most cordial salutation, and welcoming you once more to the hospitalities, professional and social, of this our ancient city. Permit me also, to congratulate you on this, the return of our regular Anniversary, and to express the hope, that we may be permitted to realize under the blessings of Providence, the presence and enjoyments of many more; that each recurrence of the same may find us more and more united in the bonds of fraternal sympathy; and earnestly and prosperously engaged in the fulfilment of the great purposes, which we have come together to promote.

Our Society now numbers about 260 members, from 17 Districts of the State, as well as 5 District Societies, which have been organized in York, Orangeburgh, Georgetown, Chester, and Charleston. But it is our aim, to embrace *every* individual attached to the profession, who is practising within its borders, who is worthy of the calling to which he has devoted his life; and finally to *group* ourselves into *local* organizations, according as these may be determined by circumstances of fitness or expediency. We would secure to ourselves the advantages of *social* as well as *professional State unity and harmony*. This, however, is the work of time. Rome was not built in a day, and we can scarcely expect to escape the conditions prescribed by the general allotments of human-

ity. Let us rejoice, rather, that we have made a beginning, and that the occasion will be annually presented of reluming our fires at a common altar.

It is, perhaps, to be regretted that the interests which unite those of us who have organised, have not been practically appreciated by the entire body, and that we are as yet unable to declare our Institution complete in all of its parts. But let not this operate as a discouragement—we shall doubtless effect it by and by. It may be that, in our anxiety to obtain the summit of our desires, and to purify the profession of the dross which encumbers it, to separate the chaff from the seed, we have been too rigorous, and partly overreached ourselves; we have exacted requirements difficult to be fulfilled, and embarrassed ourselves with exactions which many are unwilling, from not fully understanding them, to conform to. If so, let us reconsider our position, and do what is necessary to reclaim for us the required advantages. With the present occasion, the opportunity returns to us, and will annually be renewed, of accommodating the Association to the varied wants, interests, and other circumstances, which must from necessity be consulted. No desire, at all events, can be retained, unwittingly to attempt impracticabilities, or to impose restrictions, which moral and intellectual men would be unwilling to bear. The equality and fraternity which it is our intention to present, as well as purity of the motives by which we are governed, will in due season, we trust, evoke the confidence of all who are interested to unite with us, and induce them to subscribe their names, to the already respectable catalogue which constitutes our Association; and to follow the examples of local organizations which enter its elements. We cannot afford to do without their co-operation, and would gladly receive into our embraces, all who feel a desire to elevate the standard of his calling, and promote its usefulness to mankind.

In accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, and which will be brought again to your notice from the records of the Secretary, a memorial on the subject of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, was drawn up to the Legislature, and entrusted to a committee, under the requisitions of the same, consisting of Drs. Holbeck, Jervey, &c., which was submitted in due form to that Body at its last session. I am sorry to add, however, that in despite of its obvious importance, and notwithstanding the personal influences of the committee, the application proved wholly unsuccessful; so that the Association will have again, in anticipation of the ensuing meeting of that Body, to devise the means of a more hopeful renewal of its efforts. Final success must inevitably reward a repetition of its labours. Notwithstanding the expositions, touch-

ing the objects of this measure, which have so extensively been published throughout the United States, the committee were persuaded that these were very imperfectly understood by the members ; and that it was to this general want of comprehension, more than any reluctance to do what was proper to be done, that the application was defeated. It is respectfully suggested, therefore, that more effectual means be taken, both through published explanations in the newspapers, and the personal assiduities of the members of this Body, in their several districts, to bring about this enlightenment, and thereby to accomplish an object of such vital interest as well to the profession, as to the community at large, that the public mind be thus *prepared* to sanction and support whatever the Legislature in its wisdom may find it expedient to adopt, in order *efficiently* to bring that object about.

A memorial, touching the appointment of an Inspector of Drugs in this State, in accordance with the same authority, was duly submitted also ; but for reasons of an analogous nature, met with a similar fate.

The resolution, requiring a memorial to Congress and the Treasury Department, as to the incompetency of the then Incumbent, for the city of Charleston, relative to the same national office, was rendered nugatory, by his previous removal.

The minutes of the Board of Counsellors will confirm the previous statement as to the number of District Societies which have affiliated themselves with the State Association. They had hoped to have enumerated among that number also, the Society which has been recently organized in the District of Fairfield. A willingness to connect itself with the Association, under certain contingencies was officially communicated from that Society founded on ignorance of the actual rules of the Constitution, and proposed alterations of the same which the Board had not the power to acquiesce in. An invitation was promptly as well as cordially extended to its members, however, to set aside these objections, not so regarded by any of the others which have joined us, and to unite with the Association at large, on the basis of a common equality, in the effectuation of whatever a common wisdom might suggest to be a common advantage. No reply to this invitation has as yet been received but it is to be hoped that the present occasion will not be suffered to pass, without an effort on the part of its members, or of that Society, to bring about so desirable a union.

A similar invitation, repeated to Districts which have not a representation in the Association, might awaken the dormant energies of its members, and lead to a centralisation of efforts redounding to their own

good, as well as conducive towards the attainment of that good which is the end of our common thoughts and actions.

The delegation to the American Medical Association, which met in Boston in May last, performed the duty assigned them, and experience much pleasure in stating that it was numerously attended from all parts of the United States, and conducted with great harmony and success. They owe the high degree of gratification which they enjoyed in common with the entire Association, to the unbounded hospitality of the members of the profession of the State of Massachusetts, and more especially of Boston and its environs, and the united and uncommon pains which were taken to anticipate all of the wants of their guests, and provide the means of rendering their stay happy and agreeable. They owe it also to the City of Boston, as a Corporation, and citizens at large, who justly appreciate the claims of the profession to this honorable distinction and kindness. The published transactions which constitute a large octavo volume, a copy of which I beg leave to present to this Association, will prove the best exponent of what was effected, and furnish an explanation and a precedent to all those who may be interested in informing themselves on the subject. A strong desire was entertained among the members to honour this State, in the selection of Charleston for the next place of its assembly; but owing to the attendance of a more numerous delegation from the West, and active endeavours on their part, at a precedent, as well as the last assembly, that honor has fallen upon Cincinnati; and the sentiment is still strongly entertained, and has been very generally expressed, to make this city the seat of the ensuing deliberations. It is desirable, therefore, that the next Representation from this region, and more especially from this Society, as the Medical organ and representative of the State, should be a full one; and the hope is most ardently felt, and the present moment gladly seized upon, to express it, that the profession at large, and particularly this Association, would organize a movement anticipatory of results equally satisfactory with those which have been communicated.

The proceedings of the last Annual meeting, as well as those of the Counsellors, for the past year were read and confirmed. The election of Counsellors being in order, on motion of Dr. Horlbeck, the rule relative thereto was suspended for the purpose of allowing him to offer the following amendments to the Constitution.

1. Page 21, in the 1st paragraph, 4th section, to change the time of meeting from February to 3d Monday of April.

2. To strike out the 3d paragraph of 5th section, at page 22, and to insert in its place the following clause, viz:

"The Recording Secretary shall then announce the names of Counsellors appointed by the District Societies, and the Association shall proceed to nominate Counsellors for those Districts who have not yet organised themselves into District Societies, or who may have omitted to elect Counsellors."

3. In 6th section, same page, 1st paragraph, on membership, to strike out all after the word "Association," 3d line.

4. In 3d paragraph, 6th section, page 23, to strike out, from "or withdraws from it" as far as "the Medical Association;" also to strike out the word "universal," in the next line.

5. On page 25th, 8th section, to strike out 11th and 12th paragraphs.

6. On page 28th, 11th section, to substitute the words "in the form of recommendation from the Association" for the words, "By permission of the Counsellors."

The proposed amendments were, on motion, referred to the Counsellors for consideration.

The Association then took a recess for half an hour.

It re-assembled at 12 o'clock.

The Counsellors, through their Chairman, Dr. Moultrie, submitted the report on the subject of the proposed alterations.

The question being on the confirmation of the report, it was moved that the amendments be taken seriatim. They were so considered, and all adopted.

On motion of Dr. Horlbeck,

Resolved, That the 1st section of the By-Laws be so amended as to conform to the alterations in the Constitution.

Dr. Gaillard offered the following substitute for Dr. Horlbeck's resolution, viz.:—That the whole matter in relation to the alterations of the Constitution be referred to the Board of Counsellors, to be reported to the Association at its next annual meeting.

This substitute, being accepted by Dr. Horlbeck, was put to the vote and adopted.

The election of Counsellors being next in the order of business, Dr. Gaillard moved that the Counsellors be elected by the delegates from the respective districts, and that the election be reported to the Association to-morrow.

The Treasurer made the following report :

The Treasurer in submitting his Annual Report, the specifications of which have been examined and certified according to the regulations of the Constitution, would state to the Association that he finds on the record book 154 names registered ; and that a considerable number

more are to be added when all the District Societies shall have sent in lists of their members.

From this number (154) the income of the Association should have been \$770, had all paid up ; but the Treasurer has to report the receipt of only \$530, from 106 members. This amount, together with what was received from the Convention in the form of assessment, viz : \$161, make up the whole receipts credited on the book, viz : \$691.

The expenditures during the same time were \$691 48 1-4, in the manner indicated in the certified accounts.

There are still remaining of unpaid bills an aggregate amount of \$112 75, due principally to editors of papers, for publishing the notice of our first meeting. There will also be due other items of considerable amount, the largest being that for the Diploma, say \$60 more ; which added to \$112 75, makes \$172 75, the total deficit.

Now if this sum, \$172 75, be added to that paid out, i. e. to \$691, we shall have as the entire expense of the Association, \$863 75. Deduct \$770, the amount which would have been at the Treasurer's disposal, if all the members whose names are registered had paid up, from \$863 75, the total liability, and there remains \$93 75, which would have been the whole debt of the Association at this time. And if we take into account the new members whose names are not registered, the same would be very materially reduced, if not entirely cancelled.

Now if it be borne in mind that the expenses of the first two years have been increased to a very considerable amount, by the necessary expenditures for printing reports, &c., and for advertising the first call of the Convention in every paper in the State, and that these extra expenses will not again be required, it will be apparent that the income of the Association, if its dues are regularly paid in, will much more than meet the expenses, and thus a fund will accumulate which may be applied to different purposes. Or, if it be deemed inexpedient to raise a fund, the amount of the annual subscription may be reduced.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. T. WRAGG,

Treasurer So. Ca. Med. Association.

Charleston, February 20th, 1850.

Dr. Jervey, from the committee on the Treasurer's Accounts, made a report to the effect that they had examined them and found them correct.

Dr. Frost gave notice that at 12 o'clock to-morrow, he would exhibit a bedstead and apparatus for the treatment of fractures of the lower extremity.

Dr. Bailey presented the subjoined letter which was read :

To the President, Counsellors, and Members of the South-Carolina Medical Association :

GENTLEMEN—Permit me respectfully to suggest to your serious consideration, the propriety of commencing our anniversary with prayer. Our deliberations are of a grave, and solemn character, and much may depend upon us as to the moral and religious character of those who may succeed us. With all the medical knowledge or skill which we may possess, we are dependent upon the goodness of God, to give success to our undertakings. We are frequently amongst the sick, or the dying, and when all human hopes are abandoned, it may be in our power to speak words of comfort to the patient, and direct him to the great physician of souls. In regard to ourselves, we ought not to forget that we are perishable, and we know not what a day may bring forth. I am on this occasion reminded of two of our number who have departed this life, since this association was first established ; one of them in the prime of life, in high health, of distinguished talents, and apparently destined for a long life. As liable to error, it also becomes us to implore the divine assistance and blessing, and the gifts and graces of his holy spirit. I therefore propose the following resolution :

That days before the Anniversary, the President appoint a committee of the members to appoint such a clergyman as they may think eligible to open the meeting by prayer, and that the said clergyman be invited to dine with the Association.

Respectfully submitted, by
ROBT. S. BAILEY.

February 20th, 1850.

On motion of Dr. Geddings it was

Resolved, That Dr. Bailey's letter be referred to the Counsellors for consideration.

Dr. Cain moved the following preamble and resolutions which were adopted :

Whereas, it seems that the failure of the memorial of this Association, praying for the passage of an act to establish a Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the Legislature at its last session, is ascribable, in a great measure, to the disinclination of representatives to act upon a subject with whose object their constituents were not acquainted : therefore, with a view to fully inform the public mind in this matter, be it

Resolved, That a committee (of which Dr. Moultrie shall be Chair-

man) be appointed to present to the citizens of the State, in a plain and intelligible form, through the medium of the newspapers, the utility of the measure which is the subject of the memorial.

Resolved, That the fellows of the Association be again urged to use their strenuous exertions to impress upon the representatives from their respective districts and parishes, the importance of the passage of such a bill.

Dr. Jervcy offered the following resolution which, on being seconded, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Delegation from this Association to the next annual meeting of the American Medical Association, to be held in Cincinnati in May next, be requested to extend to the American Medical Association, an invitation to hold their succeeding anniversary meeting in the city of Charleston, and to urge their acceptance of the same in the manner most in accordance with the known character of hospitality enjoyed by our State ; and that in the event of the acceptance of the invitation, the counsellors be authorised to make such arrangements as they may deem necessary.

In the absence of Dr. Mayes, of Sumter, Dr. Cain presented the following preamble and resolutions sent by Dr. Mayes :

Whereas, it has been the custom of physicians to extend to clergymen the courtesy of their services gratuitously, in consideration of the respect justly due their sacred office, but, in consequence of the deplorable fact that numerous clergymen have become the advocates of quackery and imposture, by recommending secret medicines and preparations publicly in the newspapers, and more frequently privately to their parishioners, thus using their extensive influence against the true interests of science and the advancement of the medical sciences more particularly, it becomes the duty of physicians to discriminate between those who are the friends of quackery : It is therefore

Resolved, That the members of the South Carolina Medical Association will continue to offer their services gratuitously to all clergymen and their families, when the clergyman is known to be a friend of the medical profession.

Resolved, That no clergyman shall receive our services gratuitously who advocates and recommends the use of secret and patented medicines, either publicly in the newspapers or privately to his own parishioners.

Resolved, That negroes belonging to clergymen are not to be considered in any case as entitled to the benefit of the first resolution, but for attendance on them, our usual rates may, in all cases, be charged.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be offered to the newspapers of the State for publication.

These were, on motion of Dr. Jervcy, referred to the Board of Counsellors.

Dr. Robertson introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of one member from each district, be appointed to collect and report to this Association the statistics of the use of anaesthetic agents in surgery and midwifery, within this State.

Dr. Gaillard moved that when the Association adjourns, it adjourns to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Dr. DeSaussure, Chairman of the committee on the number of Diplomatized licensed and unauthorized practitioners in the State, made a report.

On motion the committee was continued.

The hour of 1 having arrived, business was suspended in order to hear the oration of Dr. Barratt.

Dr. Barratt then delivered an eloquent discourse on the Diversity of the Human Race.

On motion of Dr. Coffin, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to Dr. J. P. Barratt for his able address, and that it be published.

On motion the Association then adjourned.

Thursday, February 21st, 1850.

The Association met at 11 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. W. K. Sims, of Union District, containing several objections to the Constitution urged by members of the profession, of the upper districts, which letter was referred to the Counsellors.

The Association then took a recess of half an hour to enable the representatives to elect their Counsellors.

The following Counsellors were then elected :

Abbeville,	-	-	-	-	-	Drs. Jno. Davis, J. A. Gibert,
Barnwell,	-	-	-	-	-	A. Coffin,
Beaufort,	-	-	-	-	-	H. W. Fuller,
Charleston,	-	-	-	-	-	J. Moultrie, T. Y. Simons, E. Horlbeck, J. P. Jervey, S. W. Barker, R. Lebby, J. C. McKewn. E. Geddings, W. T. Wragg, D. J. Cain, H. R. Frost, P. C. Gaillard, F. M. Robertson, H. W. DeSaussure, D. Geiger,
Chesterfield,	-	-	-	-	-	A. Williams,

<i>Chester,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	F. M. DeBardeleben, J. A. Reedy, J. Douglass,
<i>Colleton,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. May, W. J. Morris,
<i>Darlington,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	Thos. Smith,
<i>Edgefield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. C. Ready, A. W. Youngblood,
<i>Fairfield,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	H. R. Curtis,
<i>Georgetown,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	A. Hasell, W. C. Miller,
<i>Kershaw,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	W. J. McKain, R. B. Johnson,
<i>Lancaster,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	R. E. Wylie.
<i>Lexington,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	G. Muller.
<i>Newberry,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. W. McCants.
<i>Orangeburgh,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	T. A. Elliott, W. S. Rowe, J. D. Rumph,
<i>Richland,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	R. W. Gibbes,
<i>Sumter,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. C. Haynsworth.
<i>Union,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	W. K. Sims,
<i>York,</i>	-	-	-	-	-	J. R. Bratton, S. E. Bratton. W. E. Adams, J. B. Hunter.

Dr. Geddings, Chairman of the committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State, stated that he had received returns from several of the members of the committee, but that the majority had made none, and that it was impossible for him to make any thing like a satisfactory report, from such meagre materials.

On motion of Dr. Jervey, the committee was continued and the Chairman authorized to communicate with any gentlemen of the profession from districts not represented.

Dr. F. P. Porcher, Chirman of the Committee on the Medical Botany of the State, read the following preamble to the Report.

"In behalf of the Committee on the "Indigenous Medical Botany" of South Carolina, we beg leave respectfully to report: That, besides the communications received from the members of the Committee, and announced to the Association at its last meeting, to wit: From Dr. J. A. Mayes, of Sumter, who also furnished a list of about 300 species, together with a collection of dried specimens; from Dr. Geo. Pearson, of Fairfield, a full and carefully prepared account of the medical plants of that district, which evinces much labour and research; from Dr. J. P. Barratt, a valuable and neatly drawn up manuscript, accompanied also with plants in the dried state, and containing a reference to a large number of the Medical plants found in Abbeville District; from Dr. Elliott, of Orangeburgh, a Catalogue, besides contributions from Dr. John Douglass, of Chester, and Dr. Isaac Branch, of Abbeville; we also beg leave to acknowledge the reception, within the last year, of further notices of the Plants of Sumter from Dr. Mayes, of Chester, from Dr. Douglass, of Orangeburg, from Dr. Elliott, and communications with dried specimens from Dr. J. R. Bratton, of York District.

It is our pleasing duty to congratulate this body upon the interest manifested in the subject by a large number of the Committee, as ex-

emplified by the care with which several have prepared their reports; An interest which, from the number of publications appearing in the various parts of our country, we are glad to see, has widely extended itself.

The Chairman has now on his hands, a large body of facts, some of them, it is true, not new; the former of which can, however, be sifted out from the latter, and made available to the profession. The Catalogue of the Plants of the different Districts have also not yet been completed, as it is a task requiring time and study.

It has been *our* special duty to bring up our previous information on the subject generally to the present day, adding anything that our own investigation may have afforded. This will not, however, come up again before you having been already published elsewhere.*"

Upon motion of Dr. Barratt, of Abbeville, the report was ordered for publication, but it was considered expedient to delay it until the next meeting, when more full and complete descriptions can be added. Until which time, the Committee as well as others who can contribute, are requested to furnish to the Chairman in Charleston, any information in their power, all of which shall, of course, be duly acknowledged.

Dr. Simons, Chairman of a committee appointed at a meeting of the Counsellors, last summer to attend the session of the Legislature for the purpose of promoting the passage of the bill for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, stated that it was impossible to effect any thing last year on account of other topics having absorbed the attention of the members of the Legislature.

At 12 o'clock, Dr. Frost, according to appointment, exhibited an apparatus for the treatment of fractures of the lower extremity.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to Dr. Frost for the exhibition of the said apparatus.

At the request of Dr. Wylie, Dr. DeSaussure read the Constitution of the Benevolent Society for the relief of the widows and orphans of deceased Medical men.

Dr. McKewn offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the minutes of the present and last meetings of the Association, together with the amendments of the Constitution and the Oration, be published, and, if the funds of the Association are not sufficient, be paid for by members from the city of Charleston, to be refunded when the Society shall be in funds.

On motion of Dr. Jervey, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of one member from each district, of which committee the President of the Association shall be the Chairman. The duty of this committee shall be to petition the Legislature of this State to restore to the Statute Book the law of 1817 (?) in reference to licenses to practice medicine and vend drugs.

On motion of Dr. Barratt, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the officers for the manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices.

The Association then adjourned.

D. J. CAIN,
Recording Secretary.

At a meeting of the Board of Councillors, held immediately after the adjournment of the Association, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year :

DR. J. MOULTRIE, *President.*

DR. R. E. WYLIE, }
DR. E. GEDDINGS, } *Vice-Presidents.*

DR. D. J. CAIN, *Recording Secretary.*

DR. J. A. MAYES, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DR. W. T. WRAGG, *Treasurer.*

DR. T. Y. SIMONS, *Orator for 1851.*

TRANSACTIONS
OF THE
BOARD OF COUNSELLORS
OF THE
SOUTH-CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, February 16th, 1848.

At a meeting of the Board of Counsellors, held this day, immediately after the adjournment of the Association, the whole Board being present, the following officers of the Association were elected to serve the ensuing year.

DR. JAMES MOULTRIE, *President.*

DR. ISAAC BRANCH, }
DR. J. C. READY, } *Vice-Presidents.*

DR. D. J. CAIN, *Recording Secretary.*

DR. R. B. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

DR. F. M. ROBERTSON, *Treasurer.*

DR. P. C. GAILLARD, *Orator for 1849.*

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Rec. Sec.*

Wednesday, April 5th, 1848.

The Board of Counsellors of the Association, convened in the room of the Medical Society of South-Carolina, this day, at 12 o'clock. There were present,

Dr. Moultrie, President, Drs. Horlbeck, Elliott, Wragg, Jervey, Curtis, Ford and Cain, and Dr. Jervey as proxy of Dr. Barker.

The President read a letter from Dr. F. M. Robertson, tendering his resignation as Counsellor and Treasurer, which was accepted.

On motion of Dr. Curtis, seconded by Dr. Jervey, it was

Resolved, That the Board proceed to fill the vacancies, occasioned by the resignation of Dr. Robertson, as Counsellor and Treasurer, of the Association.

The Board accordingly entered into an election, when Dr. Wragg was declared duly elected Treasurer, and Dr. E. Geddings, Counsellor.

The President appointed the following committees:—

On Publication.—Drs. Jervey, Wragg, and Cain.

On Resignations.—Drs. Horlbeck, Simons, and F. Y. Porcher.

On motion of Dr. Wragg, it was

Resolved, That the appointment of delegates to represent this Association in the American Medical Association, which is to meet in Baltimore in May next, be left to the President and Recording Secretary, with the authority to appoint others, should any of those first appointed decline acting as such.

The following gentlemen were appointed:—

Drs. Jas. Moultrie, P. C. Gaillard, R. E. Wylie, R. W. Gibbes, E. Geddings, W. L. Moultrie, E. Horlbeck, J. Bellinger, J. P. Barratt, and S. W. Barker.

The President submitted for the inspection of the Board, the Seal which he had prepared for the Association, which was adopted.

The Board then adjourned.

D. J. CAIN,

Rec. Secretary.

Wednesday, November 16th, 1848.

The Board of Counsellors met this day at 12 o'clock, in the room of the Medical Society of South Carolina.

The following members were present:—

Dr. Moultrie, President, Drs. Simons, Barker, Curtis, Mitchell, Horlbeck, Elliott, Lebby, Wragg, Jervey, and Cain.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. Elliott proposed for membership, the names of four practitioners of Orangeburgh District, viz:—Drs. A. T. Darby, T. J. Goodwyn, W. S. Rowe, and R. W. Bates, which were accordingly enrolled.

The President read a letter from Dr. J. R. Bratton, informing the Board of the formation of a Society, in York District, and requesting that a Charter be granted them in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

The Recording Secretary was instructed to reply to Dr. Bratton, congratulating him on the success which had attended his efforts, and informing him that as soon as the Act of Incorporation of the Association can be obtained from the Legislature, a Charter will be sent to the York District Society.

Dr. Elliott stated that a Medical Society had been in existence in Orangeburgh District for several years past, whose charter would soon expire, and that he would, at the Anniversary Meeting of the Association in February next, make application for that Society to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Association.

Dr. Horlbeck suggested the appointment of a Fellow to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Lee, as Chairman of the Committee to ascertain the number of diplomated, licensed, and unauthorized practitioners in the State.

Dr. H. W. DeSaussure was appointed to supply the vacancy.

Dr. Simons stated that he had distributed the Report on the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, to the members elect of the Legislature.

Dr. Simons moved that a committee be appointed to correspond with the members of the Association throughout the State, calling upon them to interest themselves with the members of the Legislature, from their respective Districts, with a view to effect the passage of the memorials which may be presented to them. This, on being seconded, and put to the vote, was adopted.

The committee consists of Drs. Simons, Jervey, and Wragg.

Dr. Horlbeck, chairman of the committee appointed, at an informal meeting of a few members of the Board, to apply for an Act of Incorporation for the Association, submitted the draft of one, which, after having been read, was adopted.

Whereupon, Dr. Jervey moved that the application be signed by the President and Counsellors, and presented to the Legislature at its ensuing session.

The resolution appended to the report of the committee on Druggists, submitted to the Convention, calling for a memorial to the Legislature, on the subject of having the ingredients of prescriptions made or sold by Apothecaries marked on the phials, was, on motion of Dr. Mitchell, disposed of as above.

On motion of Dr. Simons, it was

Resolved, That as many of the committee on each report as can possibly attend the session of the Legislature, to do so with the view of urging upon the consideration of the members, the importance of the several memorials.

The Board then adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Rec. Secretary.*

Thursday, February 22d, 1849.

A stated meeting of the Board of Counsellors was held this day, immediately after the adjournment of the Association. The President, Dr. Moultrie, being absent, Dr. Branch, one of the Vice-Presidents, took the chair.

On motion, the Board went into an election for Officers of the Association, which resulted in the election of the following gentlemen:—

DR. MOULTRIE, *President*.
 DR. R. E. WYLIE, *1st Vice-President*.
 DR. J. DOUGLASS, *2d. do.*
 DR. D. J. CAIN, *Recording Secretary*.
 DR. J. A. MAYES, *Corresponding do.*
 DR. W. T. WRAGG, *Treasurer*.
 DR. J. P. BARRATT, *Orator for 1850*.

Dr. T. A. Elliott, made application in due form, for the admission of the Medical Society of Orangeburgh District, as a District subordinate Society.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Medical Society of Orangeburgh District be received as a Subordinate Society.

Application was made by Dr. H. L. Byrd, in behalf of the Medical Society of Georgetown District, to be admitted as a District Society, under the Association. This Society was also received.

Dr. S. W. Barker brought to the notice of the Board the following resolution, copied from the Transactions of the American Medical Association for 1848, which was received as information.

Resolved, That the delegates from Medical Societies, Universities, Colleges, &c., be requested to suggest to their several constituencies the propriety of making an annual contribution towards the funds of the Association, in proportion to the number of copies of the proceedings desired by them.

The President made the following appointments:

The committee to ascertain the number of diplomated, licensed, and unauthorized practitioners in the State to be the same as last year, with the addition of Dr. H. W. Fuller, of Beaufort, and Dr. J. L. Douglass, of Chester, which districts were not then represented.

The committee on pb o consist, as last year, of Drs. Jervey, Wragg and Cain.

The Committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State to consist of

Dr. E. GEDDINGS, *Chairman.*

<i>Abbeville,</i>	-	-	-	Dr. J. Davis.
<i>Barnwell,</i>	-	-	-	" A. Coffin.
<i>Beaufort,</i>	-	-	-	" H. W. Fuller.
<i>Charleston,</i>	-	-	-	" P. C. Gaillard.
<i>Chester,</i>	-	-	-	" J. Douglass.
<i>Chesterfield,</i>	-	-	-	" A. Williams.
<i>Colleton,</i>	-	-	-	" G. W. Wescoat.
<i>Edgefield,</i>	-	-	-	" T. T. Robertson.
<i>Georgetown,</i>	-	-	-	" A. Hasel.
<i>Kershaw,</i>	-	-	-	" W. J. McKain.
<i>Lancaster,</i>	-	-	-	" W. C. Cauthen.
<i>Lexington,</i>	-	-	-	" T. H. Simmons.
<i>Newberry,</i>	-	-	-	" J. W. McCants.
<i>Orangeburg,</i>	-	-	-	" W. S. Rowe.
<i>Richland,</i>	-	-	-	" R. W. Gibbes.
<i>Sumter,</i>	-	-	-	" J. C. Haynsworth.
<i>Union,</i>	-	-	-	" B. F. Rawls.
<i>York,</i>	-	-	-	" J. R. Bratton.

The Board then adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Rec. Secretary.*

Wednesday, April 4th, 1849.

There not being a constitutional quorum present, the President ordered an adjourned meeting to be held on the 10th inst., and notice thereof given to the city members.

April 10th, 1849.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an adjourned meeting of the Board held this day, there were present, Dr. Moultrie, *President*, Drs. Horlbeck, Jervey, Wragg Leiby and Cain.

The minutes of the last stated meeting were read and confirmed.

The President made the following appointment :

Committee on the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths—
Drs. Simons, J. P. Barratt and S. Fair, to attend the session of the

Legislature and make any explanations in relation to objects of the Bill that might be necessary.

The following fellows were appointed delegates from the South Carolina Medical Association to the American Medical Association, viz: Drs. E. Geddings, R. Lebby, H. Ravenel, J. Moultrie, R. W. Gibbes, H. W. Fuller, J. R. Sparkman, J. P. Barratt, T. A. Elliott, G. Muller, J. Douglass, A. B. Crook, W. C. Cauthen, W. K. Sims.

The printing of the Proceedings of the 1st Annual Meeting and the Oration was, on motion, referred to the committee on Publication to make the best arrangements they could with the editors of the Charleston Medical Journal and Review.

Adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Rec. Secretary.*

August 17th, 1849.

EXTRA MEETING.

At an extra meeting of the Board of Counsellors, held this day, there were present, Dr. J. Moultrie, *President*, Drs. Geddings, Horlbeck, Elliott, Wragg, Lebby and Cain.

The President stated that he had called the Counsellors together for the purpose of submitting for their consideration a communication which he had received from Dr. T. F. Furman and others, a committee appointed by the Medical Society of Fairfield District, wherein are set forth their wishes to be admitted as a District Society, provided their objections to certain restrictions, &c. of the Constitution of the Association can be removed.

To this communication the President stated that he had prepared a reply, which he would read, if it met the approbation of the Board.

The Board having expressed a desire to hear it, it was read; whereupon, on motion of Dr. Wragg, it was

Resolved, That the same be addressed to the committee of the Fairfield Society, as the sentiment of the Board.

Dr. Wragg made application for the admission into the Association of the Medical Society of Charleston District, with certain reservations specified in the application, viz: "That this Society be admitted with its present charter, By-Laws, and organization, with all the privileges, rights and powers it at present enjoys, and with the reservation to itself of perfect control over its *own members*, its

Library, funds, and other property, and of all trusts whatsoever which it at present holds, or may hereafter hold."

On motion of Dr. Geddings, it was

Resolved, That the application be received, that the Society be admitted with all the reservations, and that the charter be given it.

Dr. Lebbey, on behalf of the delegation of the South Carolina Medical Association to the American Medical Association, in 1849, presented to the Medical Society of South Carolina, a Report on the Invertebrate Animals of Massachusetts, from the Hon. J. P. Bigelow, Mayor of Boston.

There being no further business the Board adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Rec. Secretary*.

Wednesday, 21st November, 1849.

At a stated meeting, held this day: present, Dr. J. Moultrie, *President*, and Drs. Jervey, Horlbeck, Barker, Elliott, McKewn, Wragg, and Cain.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting, of April 10th, and extra meeting of August 17th, were read and confirmed.

The President appointed the following committee to examine the Treasurer's accounts, viz: Drs. Jervey, Horlbeck and Cain; also the following Stewards: Drs. Dawson, DeSaussure and Cain.

The President stated that in conformity with the vote of the Counsellors he had sent the reply read at the last meeting, to the Secretary of the Medical Society of Fairfield District, but had received no answer to the same.

Application was made by the Chester District Society for admission into the Association.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Chester District Society be admitted.

On motion of Dr. Elliott,

Resolved, That the hour of meeting of the Board be changed to 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. S. W. Barker was appointed to draw up a memorial to the Legislature on the subject of the appointment of an Inspector of Drugs for the State.

No further business appearing, the Board adjourned.

D. J. CAIN, *Recording Secretary*.

BY - LAWS
OF THE
SOUTH-CAROLINA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

I. TITLE OF THE ASSOCIATION.

This Institution shall be known and distinguished by the name and title of the *South-Carolina Medical Association*.

II. MEMBERS.

1. This Association shall not be limited as to numbers, but shall be open to every gentleman of the Medical Profession, residing within the State, under the terms and conditions hereinafter to be expressed.

2. The members of the Association shall collectively represent, and have cognizance of, the common interests of the Medical Profession in every part of the State.

III. OFFICERS.

Besides fellows, or members, the Association shall also consist of the following *Officers*: A Board of Counsellors, a President, two Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

IV. MEETINGS.

1. A meeting of the fellows of this Association shall be held annually on the third Monday of April, at ten o'clock, A.M., in the City of Charleston, if practicable or otherwise, at such place as the President may appoint.

2. At such meeting, ten fellows shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be given in two of

the public papers, by the Recording Secretary, at least one month previously.

V. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The following shall be the order of business at the Annual Meeting of the Association :

2. The reading of the proceedings of the last Annual Meeting, by the Recording Secretary ; also of the records of the transactions of the *Counsellors*, for the preceding year ; and of the names of those who have been admitted during that time to *ordinary fellowship*, or as *honorary members*.

3. The Recording Secretary shall then announce the names of Counsellors appointed by the District Societies, and the Association shall proceed to nominate Counsellors for those districts who have not yet organized themselves into District Societies, or who may have omitted to elect Counsellors.

4. Reports of Committees shall then be called for by the President.

5. Alterations in the By-Laws, proposed by any fellow, or by the Counsellors, shall next receive the attention of the Association ; and these shall be submitted in writing, and not acted upon, until after having been submitted to the Counsellors ; they are afterwards to be reported back to the Society.

6. Such Scientific Communications as the Counsellors may have ordered shall be laid before the Society.

7. Any propositions or suggestions which may be thought to be conducive to the general interest of Medical Science, or the welfare of the Association, may be offered by any member ; the Association deciding by vote, whether to engage in the consideration of the same.

8. At one o'clock, P.M., the President shall call upon the anniversary orator to deliver the annual discourse ; and all unfinished business shall be suspended until after its delivery.

VI. ELECTIONS.

Counsellors.—The Counsellors shall be chosen from among the fellows residing in the several districts, in the proportion, as nearly as can be, of one Counsellor to every five fellows ;

provided that at least one Counsellor shall be chosen for each district.

Officers.—At the first stated meeting of the Counsellors every year, they shall choose from among the whole number of Counsellors who may be elected, a President of the Society, also two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and a Treasurer.

1. *Membership.*—Nominations for membership of the Association must first be made to the Counsellors, before they are acted upon by the Association.

2. No one shall be eligible to fellowship but a graduate of the Medical College of this State, or who can satisfy the Counsellors that his education, professional and otherwise, has been such as to entitle him to that honor.

3. All *irregular* practitioners are absolutely prohibited. By an irregular practitioner is meant, one who is not a member of this Association, or a graduate of a reputable Medical College; or any Thompsonian, or any regular practitioner who may adopt or advocate the Thompsonian system; likewise any one who is expelled this Society; or who in any way encourages Druggists who recommend and habitually vend nostrums, when he can procure pure articles elsewhere; or who does not conform to the Code of Ethics; or who violates the Fee Bill, as established in the District or neighborhood in which he resides; or who offers to cure any disease by a medicine, the composition of which he keeps a secret, or vend, or advertise the same for sale. *Provided*, this rule do not affect those persons who were received in their respective communities or neighborhoods as practitioners of Medicine, and who have borne a fair and honest character before the passage of the License Law of this State.

4. Nominations to the Counsellors, must be made by one or more of the fellows; but no resident of any established district shall be nominated by any one out of that district.

Diploma.—Every person elected a member of this Association shall be entitled, on application to the Recording Secretary, to a Diploma, in the following form, viz :

OMNIBUS AD QUOS HÆ LITTERÆ PERVENERINT.
SALUTEM.

Nos, Præses et Consultores Carolinæ Australis Societatis Medicæ, vos certiores facere volumus, quod Medici, mente artis medendi promovendæ, professionis sublevandæ, et Empiricorum, suppressendorum societatem dictam creaverunt, et lege sanxerunt ne ullus in eam cooptaretur nisi qui vir probis moribus sit, et Medicus ex ordine absolute eruditus.

Sciatis etiam, A. B., omni deliberatione adhibita, regulisque nostris apprimè servatis, electum esse hujus Societatis Socium, et dignum judicatum qui immunitatibus ejus et privilegiis frueretur. Quapropter, auctoritate nobis commissa, Eum hocce diplomate condecoravimus, et singulis juribus honoribusque ad illud quaquā pertinentibus gaudere volumus.

In cujus rei testimonium, præsentibus, commune Societatis sigillum, et chirographa Præsidis, Scribæque a fastis, apponi fecimus, Dei mensis Anno Domini
Millesimo Octingentesimo

Præses.

Scriba a fastis.

Honorary Members.—There shall be Honorary Members of this Association, appointed from time to time, after the manner and according to the forms prescribed for the admission of ordinary fellows.

Proxies.—Fellows or Counsellors absent from any meeting, shall, in all cases, be entitled to vote by proxy in writing; provided, that no fellow be represented otherwise than by a fellow, and a Counsellor by a Counsellor, who shall represent no more than five others.

VII. DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

There shall be also established, besides the *general* State Association, *District Societies*, to be organized according to the mode and plan hereinafter set forth.

VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

1. *Counsellors.*—The Counsellors shall hold three stated

meetings annually ; the first immediately following the annual meeting of the Association, at the place of such meeting, or as near to it as possible ; the second on the third Wednesday of November, at 4 o'clock, P. M. ; and the third on the third Wednesday of February. The two last shall be at such hour and place as the President may appoint ; of which due notice shall be given in two of the Charleston papers, at least fourteen days previously, in each instance.

2. The President shall call special meetings of the Counsellors whenever he shall deem it expedient, or five Counsellors request it in writing ; and the same notice shall be given as is required for stated meetings ; except in a case not admitting of delay, when with the consent of five Counsellors, he may convoke the Counsellors at such notice as the circumstances may permit ; and in case the President refuses to comply with the request of the Counsellors, then the latter, should the necessity of the call be deemed sufficiently urgent or important, shall do it on their own responsibility.

3. Any meeting of Counsellors may be continued by adjournment, by a vote of the majority of those present.

4. Nine Counsellors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business ; but a smaller number may adjourn the meeting to any day within one week.

5. At the first stated meeting of the Counsellors every year, they shall choose by ballot, from among the fellows of the Society, an Orator for the ensuing anniversary.

6. At the first meeting of the Counsellors, two standing committees shall be appointed, viz : a Committee on Publication, and a Committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State.

7. The Committee on Publications shall have direction of a publication, which shall be issued annually, by the Association, as early after the annual meeting as practicable, to be distributed by the Secretary to each fellow or retired member. And that publication shall contain the annual discourse, unless otherwise ordered by the Association or Counsellors ; such other medical communications as the Counsellors may authorize to be published ; an abstract of the proceedings of the Association, and transactions of the Coun-

sellors, excepting such as are of a private or personal nature ; together with a list of the officers of the State and District Societies, of those who have become fellows or honorary members during the preceding year, or who have resigned, or been expelled.

The Committee on the Medical Topography and Diseases of the State shall consist of one member from each district, besides a Chairman, who shall also be appointed by the Counsellors. The committee shall report annually on the diseases of the previous year; each member forwarding to the Chairman a report on the Topography and Diseases of his own district, previous to the 1st December preceding the anniversary; the Chairman, from these special reports, to make a general report, to be read at the anniversary meeting; the special reports to be included in an appendix to the general report.

8. Nominations of Committees at the meetings of Counsellors, shall be made by the President, unless otherwise ordered.

9. At the stated meeting immediately preceding the annual meeting of the Association, the Counsellors shall choose a Committee to examine the Treasurer's account, on the week preceding the annual meeting, which Committee shall report to the Association at its annual meeting.

10. Nominations of candidates for fellowship, shall be according to the following form :

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The subscriber nominates to the Counsellors of the South-Carolina Medical Association, A. B., for admission as fellow.

He was educated by C. D., and has a respectable standing in the profession.

E. H.

11. The Counsellors at one of their stated meetings, shall appoint annually, a suitable person to deliver before the fellows, at their annual meeting, a discourse on some medical subject of his choice; and in case of his declining the service, the President with five others, may appoint another in his stead. And every discourse so read, shall be considered the property of the Association, and a copy be required to be

deposited by the author, with the Corresponding Secretary, within three months after its delivery.

12. The Counsellors shall also appoint a Committee of Three, annually, to revise the provisions for effecting the object of a General Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, and report to the Board of Counsellors any defects which remain to be supplied, or which it may be proper to bring to the notice of the Legislature; which shall be considered by the Counsellors, and either acted upon by them, or brought to the attention of the Association, as they may see fit.

They shall also appoint annually, delegates to represent the Association in the *American Medical Association*.

1. *President*.—The President shall call all meetings of the Association and Counsellors; preside at the same; preserve order; regulate the debates; state and put questions; call for reports of Committees; enforce the by-laws, rules and orders; have the casting vote, and perform such other duties as may be assigned him.

2. *Vice-President*.—In case of the absence, from any cause whatever, either from the meetings of the Association or Counsellors, of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall perform all of the duties incidental to the Presidency. And in case of the absence of all these officers, the duties shall devolve upon the senior Counsellor present.

3. *Corresponding Secretary*.—The Corresponding Secretary shall receive and have the custody of all communications to the Association and Counsellors, and prepare and transmit answers to the same, in such form or language as the Counsellors may direct; he may cause letters or communications in a foreign language to be translated into English, or vice versa; report to the Counsellors at their meetings those who had become fellows at the preceding meeting; transmit to the Treasurer of the Association, a fortnight before its annual meeting, the names of the new fellows for the preceding year; and perform all such other duties as may be assigned him. Letters and communications should be addressed to him.

4. *Recording Secretary*.—The Recording Secretary shall

keep the Seal of the Association, together with its records, and those of the Counsellors, and all papers required to be filed ; supply elected members with their diplomas, signed by the President, and with his own signature, and with the seal of the Association duly affixed, and to the officers of the Association such other blank certificates, as the by-laws may render necessary or proper ; notify and attend the meetings of both, keep a fair record of their respective proceedings, read their minutes, and all such communications as the Counsellors may require to be made ; receive and record nominations for election into the Association, and cause them to be laid before the Counsellors at their stated meetings ; notify Chairmen of Committees appointed by the Association or Counsellors, specifying in each case, the commission and names of the Committee ; keep a copy of the By-Laws ready for subscription ; and perform all such other duties as may be assigned him.

Either of the Secretaries being absent from the meetings of the Association or Counsellors, his duties shall be performed by the other, if present ; and a transfer, as soon as possible, be made to the absent Secretary, of the papers, orders or records, belonging to his department.

The records of the Association and of the Counsellors, shall be produced at every annual meeting of the former, and be otherwise at all times conveniently accessible to every fellow.

5. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall have the care and management of the fiscal concerns of the Association ; keep an accurate account of receipts and expenditures ; furnish an annual statement of the same and the funds in his hands, or other property, at the annual assembly of the Association ; subject his accounts to such examination as the Counsellors may order ; receive all donations or bequests, as well as money due to the Association ; and under the direction of the Counsellors sue for all fines, assessments, sell or lease any estate, and execute the necessary papers. He shall also examine all charges and accounts against the Association, and present them for payment, if correct, to the President ; but shall not pay any money out of the Treasury, without

an order from that officer ; and when the counsellors shall deem it requisite, and the funds admit of his being compensated, due security shall be required for the trust reposed in him, and a suitable per centage or salary be given for his services.

6. Officers may resign, for sufficient reasons ; or be removed by the Counsellors, for inattention, neglect or misconduct. In either instance, or a vacancy occasioned by death, the Counsellors shall fill up the vacancy as soon as may be convenient.

IX. ASSESSMENTS.

Every fellow shall contribute \$5 annually to the funds of the Association, and pay the same to the Treasurer ; and if not paid at the Annual Meeting, the Treasurer shall collect it as soon thereafter as possible, and always, if practicable, within the year. Legal measures to enforce it may also be taken by him, under the direction of the Counsellors.

X. RESIGNATIONS.

Any member may resign from the Association, provided his arrears be paid.

XI. RETIRED MEMBERS.

Members at 60 years, resigning from the Association, shall be designated as *Retired Members*, and be freed from assessments and liabilities of office, at the same time that they are suffered to retain all the other privileges of membership. But they shall conform to all the requirements of the Association, and be subjected to its penalties.

XII. EXPULSION.

Any member may be expelled from the Association, or having resigned, be deprived of his privileges, by a majority of two-thirds of the fellows present, for notorious and gross immorality ; infamous crime under the laws of the land ; attempt to destroy this Association ; violation of any of its by-laws of which expulsion is the penalty ; and false certificates of studies, or character of Students of Medicine. The expulsion may be made at any annual meeting. The charge or charges, however, must have been first considered by the

Counsellors, and brought forward by them ; or have been made at a preceding annual meeting. And ample opportunity shall be afforded for refutation or defence before the Association.

XIII. FORM OF SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscribers agree to comply with the By-Laws of the South-Carolina Medical Association.

XIV. SCIENTIFIC COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Scientific Communications shall be made to the Counsellors, who are authorized to receive and consider them, and dispose of them as they may judge most expedient.

2. Inquiries on professional topics may, through or by them be also submitted to the fellows, and communications requested relative to the same. And such of these as they may select, or from the Association as they may judge proper, or from their own Board, or which they may think conducive to the welfare of Medical Science, they may cause to be published, at the expense of the Association, within the limit of its funds.

XV. CODE OF ETHICS.

The Association adopts, as its Code of Ethics, the one which has been commended and adopted by the American Medical Association.

XVI. FEE BILL.

It shall be the duty of each District Society to establish a Fee-Bill to govern its own members.

XVII. DISTRICT SOCIETIES.

1. It being important that there should be but one medical organization throughout the State, that the District Societies should be collateral branches of one parent Society, and that distinct associations, with equal powers opposing each other, defeating the objects of a medical organization and bringing contempt upon the whole body of the profession, should be avoided. The following are the restrictions under which this Association shall proceed whenever called upon to institute them.

2. The whole State shall be divided into ———— *Medical Districts*, as experience or expediency may determine.

3. Whenever any district is desirous of organizing a District Medical Society, it shall apply in writing to the Counsellors, stating the extent of territory and the number of practitioners intended to be comprehended by it, and the village, town or place where it is proposed to hold the meetings.— And upon their acceding to the application, the Counsellors shall cause to be forthwith issued a charter to the following effect :

STATE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA

[L. S.] By the Counsellors of the South-Carolina Medical Association.

To —————

Fellows of the said Society, greeting :

Your application, made in due form, requesting the institution of a subordinate District Medical Society, to consist of fellows of the South-Carolina Medical Association, residing in the in the District of , was duly considered, at a meeting of the Counsellors held at on the day of , A.D. 18 , and it was thereupon voted that your request should be granted.

Be it therefore known, that pursuant to an act of the Legislature of this State, authorizing the Counsellors of the South-Carolina Medical Association thereunto, a District subordinate Society, by the name of , is hereby established, to consist of those fellows of the South-Carolina Medical Association, now resident within the limits aforesaid, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as they shall deem expedient.

In testimony whereof, the President, pursuant to the aforesaid vote of the Counsellors, has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed the seal of the Association this day of A.D. 18 .

A. B., *President.*

Attest, C. D., *Recording Secretary.*

Election of Officers.

1. Every District Medical Society shall elect annually a

President, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and such other officers as it may see fit, who shall examine all communications made to that Society and direct the Secretary thereof to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary of the Association such communications, copy thereof or extracts from, as they may judge deserving the inspection of the Counsellors. *Secretary.*—Each District Secretary, immediately after the election of officers, shall annually transmit to the Recording Secretary a list of the officers chosen, have custody of all communications made to that Society, keep a fair record of their proceedings and transmit an account of the same to the Corresponding Secretary, and from time to time transmit also to the same Secretary whatever communications the district officers may think worthy of being brought to the notice of the Counsellors, and any change that may occur in his district by the death or removal of a fellow of the Society, and any omission of duty he may be requested by the Corresponding Secretary to fulfil, on the authority of this by-law.

2. Previous to the annual meeting in each year, every District Society shall elect the number of Counsellors to which it is entitled, and make known the same through its Secretary to the Recording Secretary, before the annual meeting of the Association.

3. Any village, town, &c., adjoining a Medical District, but not included within its limits, in which there are fellows wishing to connect themselves with the District Society they adjoin, may receive authority to do so upon application to the Counsellors, provided they have the concurrence of that Society, expressed by a majority of votes taken at one of their regular meetings.

XVIII. DECISIONS.

All questions requiring to be settled in the Association, Board of Counsellors, or District Societies, not otherwise specially provided for, shall be settled by ballot, by a majority of the fellows or members present.

XIX. PENALTIES.

1. All improprieties on the part of officers or fellows, for

which no special penalty has been provided, shall be punishable in such a manner as the Counsellors, after deliberation, may think proper to inflict, in the way of suspension or expulsion, after due admonition and opportunity of exculpation.

2. Any fellow not conforming to the Code of Ethics shall be expelled.

3. The same penalty, of expulsion, shall be inflicted upon any fellow violating the fee-bill.

4. Any member consulting with an irregular practitioner, or aiding and abetting him, shall be declared an irregular practitioner himself, and be liable to expulsion.

ORDERS.

1. The Association shall dine together on the day of its annual meeting, at the expense of the Association. Dinner to be provided by a Committee appointed for the occasion by the President.

2. Professional strangers shall be invited to dinner at the discretion of the President.

3. The President, at the meetings of the Association or Counsellors, shall not vacate the chair, unless permitted to do so, or required by some urgent occasion; nor speak on any question without first obtaining permission.

4. Members speaking must rise, and address the Chair, and sit down when they have done.

5. Members who have spoken, shall always give place to those who have not.

6. No member speaking shall be interrupted, unless to correct a mistake, or to call him to order.

7. All speaking shall cease, after any question has been put.

8. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.

9. No vote shall be re-considered at the same meeting by a less number than were present at its passing.

10. Literary gentlemen interested in Medical Science, and Medical Students, shall be publicly invited to hear the annual discourse.

11. All printed publications shall be in the octavo form.

